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## Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

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A METHOD OF PRODUCING A FIBER PRODUCT

the specification of which

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1. ☐ is attached hereto.
2. ☒ was filed on April 30, 1999 as  
International PCT Application No. PCT/FI99/00359  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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(List prior  
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